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Allocation of items to the Third Committee

Letter dated 19 September 2003 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Third Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its fifty-eighth session pertaining to the allocation of items to the Third Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/58/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant paragraphs of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agendas of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

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Annex

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1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [item 105].

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [item 106].

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [item 107].

4. Crime prevention and criminal justice [item 108].

5. International drug control [item 109].

6. Advancement of women [item 110].

   [The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women would be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 97 (Operational activities for development).]

   [The General Assembly decided that the Third Committee should include in its programme of work a review of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as provided below, and should transmit all relevant comments to the Fifth Committee prior to its consideration of the proposed medium-term plan and its revisions and of the recommendations in chapter III, section C, entitled "Evaluation", of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/58/16):

   110. Advancement of women (A/58/16, chap. III, sect. C.4)]

7. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 111].

8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [item 112].

9. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [item 113].

10. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [item 114].

11. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [item 115]:

    (a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination;

    (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

12. Right of peoples to self-determination [item 116].

13. Human rights questions [item 117]:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

[The General Committee took note of decisions 57/534 and 57/535 of 18 December 2002, in which the General Assembly decided to request the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the awarding of human rights prizes at a plenary meeting on 10 December 2003, and that the plenary meeting on 10 December 2003 would also be devoted to the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.]

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

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(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

14. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chaps. I, III and V, chap. VII, sects. B, C and I, and chap. IX) [item 12].

[The General Assembly decided that the following chapters of the report would also be referred to the Second and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a) Chapters I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX ..... Second and Fifth Committees

(b) Chapters III and V ..... Second Committee]

15. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].